

Abstract of the Disclosure

A stent comprises a segment having a plurality of interconnected closed serpentine circumferential bands. Each closed serpentine circumferential band comprises a plurality of struts. Struts which are circumferentially adjacent one another are connected one to the other by a turn. Each strut has a length. The struts generally increase in length from a minimum strut length to a maximum strut length and then generally decrease in length from the maximum length to the minimum length as the circumferential band is traversed in its entirety in a clockwise direction. The maximum length struts of adjacent closed serpentine circumferential bands may be longitudinally aligned.